

Title (en)

High resolution ellipsometric apparatus.

Title (de)

Ellipsometrische Vorrichtung mit hohem Auflösungsvermögen.

Title (fr)

Dispositif d'ellipsométrie à grand pouvoir de résolution.

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Abstract (en)

A laser (32) generates a probe beam (34) which is passed through a polarization section (36) to give the beam a known polarization state. The probe beam (34) is then tightly focused with a high numerical aperture lens (46) onto the surface of the sample (40, 42). The polarization state of the reflected probe beam is analyzed (48). The angle of incidence of one or more rays in the incident probe beam is determined by a detector (50) based on the radial position of the rays within the reflected probe beam. This approach provides enhanced spatial resolution and allows measurement over a wide spread of angles of incidence without adjusting the position of the optical components. Multiple angle of incidence measurements are greatly simplified. Data from the detector (50) and a rotatable polarization filter (330) are supplied to a processor (52) that carries out the ellipsometric calculations.

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